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## **Independent Assurance Report on the Consolidated Non-Financial Information Statement of Banco Sabadell S.A. and subsidiaries for 2020**

*(Translation from the original in Spanish. In the event of discrepancy, the Spanish-language version prevails.)*

To the Shareholders of Banco de Sabadell, S.A.:

Pursuant to article 49 of the Spanish Code of Commerce, we have provided limited assurance on the Consolidated Non-Financial Information Statement (hereinafter NFIS) for the year ended 31 December 2020 of Banco Sabadell, S.A. (hereinafter the Parent) and its subsidiaries (hereinafter the Group), which forms part of the Group's consolidated Directors' Report.

The NFIS includes additional information beyond that required by current mercantile legislation concerning non-financial information, which has not been subject to our assurance work. Our work was limited exclusively to providing assurance on the information identified in Appendix 2: "Table of contents. Law 11/2018" of the accompanying NFIS.

### **Directors' Responsibility**

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The Directors of the Parent are responsible for the preparation of the NFIS included in the Group's consolidated Directors' Report. The NFIS has been prepared in accordance with prevailing mercantile legislation and the Sustainability Reporting Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI Standards) selected based on the content indicated for each topic in Appendix 2: "Table of contents. Law 11/2018" of the NFIS.

This responsibility also encompasses the design, implementation and maintenance of the internal control deemed necessary to ensure that the NFIS is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Parent's Directors are also responsible for defining, implementing, adapting and maintaining the management systems used to obtain the information required to prepare the NFIS.

### **Our Independence and Quality Control**

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We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

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Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 (ISQC1) and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The engagement team comprised professionals specialised in reviews of non-financial information and, specifically, in information on economic, social and environmental performance.

## **Our Responsibility**

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Our responsibility is to express our conclusions in an independent limited assurance report, based on the work performed. We conducted our review engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 Revised "Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information", issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), and with the guidelines for assurance engagements on the Non-Financial Information Statement, issued by the Spanish Institute of Registered Auditors (ICJCE).

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement, and consequently, the level of assurance provided is also lower.

Our work consisted of making inquiries of management and of the different units and areas in charge of the Parent that participated in the preparation of the NFIS, reviewing the processes for compiling and validating the information presented in the NFIS, and applying certain analytical procedures and sample review tests, which are described below:

- Meetings with the Parent's personnel to gain an understanding of the business model, policies and management approaches applied, and the principal risks related to these matters, and to obtain the information necessary for the external review.
- Analysis of the scope, relevance and completeness of the content of the NFIS for 2020 based on the materiality analysis performed by the Parent and described in the "Materiality" section, considering the content required by current mercantile legislation.
- Analysis of the processes for compiling and validating the information presented in the NFIS for 2020.
- Review of the information related to the risks, policies and management approaches applied in relation to the material aspects presented in the NFIS for 2020.
- Corroboration, through sample testing, of the information related to the content of the NFIS for 2020 and whether it has been adequately compiled based on data provided by the information sources.
- Procurement of a representation letter from the Directors and management.



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## **Conclusion**

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Based on the assurance procedures performed and the evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the NFIS of Banco Sabadell, S.A. and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2020 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with prevailing mercantile legislation and the GRI Standards selected and based on the content indicated for each topic in Appendix 2 "Table of contents. Law 11/2018" of the NFIS.

## **Other Matters**

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On 31 January 2020 a different assurance provider issued a favourable independent assurance report on the Consolidated Non-Financial Information Statement of Banco Sabadell, S.A. and its subsidiaries for 2019.

## **Use and Distribution**

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This report has been prepared in response to the requirement established in current mercantile legislation in Spain, and thus may not be suitable for other purposes and jurisdictions.

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*(Signed on original in Spanish)*

Patricia Reverter Guillot

5 February 2021